

## EVIDENCE IN HAMON TRIAL CONCLUDED

Judge Champion Adjourns Court  
to Prepare Instruction  
to Jury

### EXCLUDE LETTERS TO CLARA

By the Associated Press.  
Ardmore, Okla., March 16. Testimony of the trial of Clara Hamon, charged with the murder of Jake Hamon, was adjourned after a brief noon-day recess and court took a recess until 3 p.m. to permit Judge Thomas W. Champion to prepare his instructions to the jury.

Each side was allotted five hours for arguments, and it was said that if the judge had prepared his charge by the time court reconvenes they will be given an immediate recess.

The court will charge the jury on three points: murder, which upon conviction would carry a sentence of death or life imprisonment; first-degree manslaughter, the sentence for which upon conviction would be from four years to life imprisonment; and second-degree manslaughter, with a minimum of \$5.

There were numerous reports about the county building last morning of threats made against state-owned property should a verdict of guilty be returned against Clara Hamon. Sheriff Buck Garret said he had no such information.

Garret, however, told the defense that he had received a letter written to a member of the defense council in which a warning was given of possible violence to the defendant should she be acquitted.

H. H. Brown, special prosecutor, said dangerous threats had been made again him, but he would not give details.

S. Prince, assistant state attorney general, in charge of the prosecution, said that H. H. Brown, special prosecutor, would make the opening argument and that he (Prince) would close for the defense.

W. P. McLean, of Fort Worth, Texas, leading counsel for the defense, announced three of the defense corps of six attorneys would speak. James H. Mathers, of Ardmore, county attorney of Carter county, who was retained by Clara Hamon before he assumed office, will make the opening argument. Joe Ben Thompson, another member of the preceding defense, will speak next, and Mr. McLean will close.

Mr. McLean said that the defense had submitted a proposal to the state counsel to permit the case to go to the jury immediately, but the judge sends his charge without arguments, but that the state did not take it.

There was much doubt expressed as to whether the court would be ready with his instructions at 3 p.m., and it was thought probable an adjournment until tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. would be taken.

Letters written by Jake L. Hamon to Clara Hamon were read undictated as evidence.

The defense formally rested after an exception to the court's ruling had been noted, and the state began presentation of rebuttal testimony, introducing Sam Blair, a newspaper man, who obtained an interview with Clara Hamon at Chihuahua City, Mex.

Blair said he saw Clara Hamon first on the night of December 18, 1920, and twice later.

Asked regarding any statement the defense may have made concerning a will left to her, Mrs. Wharton, the lawyer for the subject, said that Clara had never heard of such a will and that it was being kept hidden until after she might be tried.

Blair asserted the young woman had in substance said what she reported. S. Prince, Froeling, state attorney general, in charge of the prosecution, offered as proof of the defense's claim a copy of a newspaper containing the interview obtained by Blair. The defense objected to the ground that the interview contained parts which were questionable. The objection was sustained.

Erwin C. Daniels, Longview, Texas, attorney for defense, had denied Clara Hamon had been present at the trial of the defendant's husband.

The state rested at 10:22 a.m., and the defense announced it had completed its case.

Court recessed until 3 p.m. to permit the judge to prepare his charge to the jury.

Miss Rose Oberon, a nurse at the hospital where Hamon died, Ernest Dunlap, and Dr. Walter Hardy were the local witnesses examined, their testimony being relatively unimportant.

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out of court, it was agreed to let the witness stand and testify in his own behalf. The court then adjourned to the rear of the courtroom to receive the witness.

When the court returned, the witness was seated in a chair in the rear of the courtroom, and the defense attorney, Mrs. West, asked him to repeat his statement.

"Yes, that is what I said," he replied.

He was then asked if he had any objection to the witness testifying in his behalf.

"No, I do not object to that," he said.

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